

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SANTA ANA REGION**

<b>In the matter of:</b>	)	<b>Complaint No. R8-2003-0120</b>
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<b>Consolidated Container Co.</b>	)	<b>for</b>
<b>1201 East Cerritos Avenue</b>	)	<b>Administrative Civil Liability</b>
<b>Anaheim, CA 92805</b>	)	
	)	
<b>Attention: Bill Hall</b>	)	

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**YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE THAT:**

1. You are alleged to have violated provisions of law for which the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region (hereinafter Board), must impose liability under Section 13399.33 of the California Water Code.
2. A hearing concerning this Complaint will be held before the Board within ninety days of the date of issuance of this Complaint. The hearing in this matter has been scheduled for the Board's regular meeting on November 21, 2003, at the Eastern Municipal Water District, in the city of Perris. You or your representative will have an opportunity to appear and be heard, and to contest the allegations in this Complaint and the imposition of mandatory penalties by the Board. An agenda for the meeting will be mailed to you not less than 10 days before the hearing date.
3. At the hearing, the Board must consider whether to affirm, reject or modify the proposed Administrative Civil Liability Complaint or whether to refer the matter to the Attorney General for recovery of judicial civil liability.
4. Consolidated Container Co. (hereinafter Consolidated), located at 1201 East Cerritos Avenue in Anaheim, is currently regulated under the State's General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities, Water Quality Order No. 97-03-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001 (General Permit). The facility's WDID Number is 830I017392. The General Permit requires submittal of an annual report by July 1 of each year.
5. Prior to the July 1, 2003 deadline, a notice from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) was mailed to Consolidated, indicating that a copy of the blank 2002-2003 Annual Report could be accessed via the internet, and that a hard copy would only be mailed if requested. Because the annual report was not received by Board staff by the July 1, 2003 deadline, a Notice of Non-Compliance (NNC) was issued to Consolidated, by certified mail, on July 24, 2003. The return receipt showed it was received on July 31, 2003. When Board staff received no response to the first NNC, a second NNC was issued on August 25, 2003, again by certified mail, and was received on September 11, 2003. In both NNCs, Board staff requested submittal of the completed annual report by September 25, 2003, a statement explaining why the annual report was not submitted by the July 1 deadline, and the measures that would be taken to ensure that future annual reports are submitted on time. Both NNCs also identified the minimum, mandatory penalty for failure to submit the annual report by the September 25, 2003 deadline.

6. On August 11, 2003, Board staff was contacted by Mr. Les Potter, Consolidated's environmental consultant. He explained that their corporate office was not forwarding information to the Anaheim facility and that he would be filing a Change of Information. He was also apprised by Board staff as to what was required under the General Permit. On September 9, 2003, Mr. Potter left a message with Board staff describing the actions that Consolidated had taken and asking that he be notified if there were any questions. On September 17, 2003, Board staff left a detailed telephone message for Mr. Potter, reiterating the requirements of the General Permit and reminding him that an annual report, completed to the best of their ability, must be received by Board staff by the September 25, 2003 deadline. On September 23, 2003, Board staff spoke with Mr. Potter again; he indicated that he had sent the annual report to Consolidated's Anaheim facility for review and signatures and that the Anaheim facility would submit the report via fax and by mail. On September 25, 2003, Board staff spoke to Mr. Jerry Walton, a representative of the Anaheim facility, regarding the facility's non-submittal of the annual report. Board staff reiterated the mandatory minimum penalty conditions. He indicated that the report would be submitted. To date, the annual report has not been received by this office. This facility violated the General Permit, the Federal Clean Water Act and the California Water Code by failing to submit the annual report by July 1, 2003.
7. Section 13385(a)(2) of the California Water Code provides that any person who violates waste discharge requirements issued pursuant to the Federal Clean Water Act shall be civilly liable. Section 13385(c) provides that civil liability may be administratively imposed by a regional board in an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each day the violation occurs.
8. Based on non-submittal of the 2002-2003 Annual Report, the facility is alleged to have violated the General Permit for 108 days (from July 2, 2003) as of the date of this complaint, and is still in violation. The total maximum liability for this violation is \$1,080,000.
9. Section 13399.33(c) of the California Water Code requires that the Regional Board impose a mandatory, minimum penalty of \$1,000 for any person who fails to submit an annual report in accordance with Section 13399.31 of the Water Code.
10. Section 13385(e) specifies factors that the Board shall consider in establishing the amount of civil liability. After consideration of those factors, the Executive Officer proposes that civil liability be imposed on Consolidated in the amount of \$3,000 (of this amount, \$1,000 will be suspended if the annual report is received by this office by November 7, 2003) for the violation cited above.

### WAIVER OF HEARING

You may waive your right to a hearing. If you choose to do so, please sign the attached waiver form and mail it, together with a check or money order payable to the State Water Resources Control Board, for the amount of the penalty proposed under Paragraph 10. The bottom portion of the invoice, the waiver form, and the check or money order should be mailed to Sacramento in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Beckwith at (909) 782-4433, or Mark Smythe at (909) 782-4998. For legal questions, contact the Regional Board's staff counsel, Jorge Leon at (916) 341-5180.

10/22/23  
Date

  
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Gerard J. Thibeault  
Executive Officer

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Anaheim, CA 92805 )  
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Attention: Bill Hall )  
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Complaint No. R8-2003-0120  
for  
Administrative Civil Liability

### WAIVER OF HEARING

I agree to waive the right of Consolidated Container Co. to a hearing before the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board with regard to the violations alleged in Complaint No. R8-2003-0120.

I have enclosed a check or money order, made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board, in the amount of \$3,000 (\$2,000 if the annual report is received by this office by the November 7, 2003 deadline). I understand that I am giving up the right of Consolidated Container Co. to be heard and to argue against allegations made by the Executive Officer in this Complaint, and against the imposition of, and the amount of, the liability proposed.

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Date

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for Consolidated Container Co.



# State Water Resources Control Board



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Governor

**To:**

CONSOLIDATED CONTAINER CO.  
1201 EAST CERRITOS AVENUE  
ANAHEIM, CA 92805

Invoice No: 36767  
Invoice Date: 10/21/2003  
Enforcement Action ID: 79251  
Enforcement Order No: R8-2003-0120

## INVOICE

ACLCOMP

Milestone ID	Description	Amount	Due Date
51423	LIABILITY AMOUNT	\$3,000.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE		\$3,000.00	

California Environmental Protection Agency



Retain above portion for your records

Please return bottom portion with your payment

CONSOLIDATED CONTAINER CO.  
1201 EAST CERRITOS AVENUE  
ANAHEIM, CA 92805

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SWRCB ACCOUNTING  
ATTN: ENFORCEMENT  
P. O. Box 100  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95812-0100

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## Santa Ana Region



✓ **Jon H. Hickox**  
Secretary for  
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October 22, 2003

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Bill Hall  
Consolidated Container Co.  
1201 East Cerritos Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92805

**ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY COMPLAINT NO. R8-2003-0120**

Dear Mr. Hall:

We are enclosing a certified copy of Complaint No. R8-2003-0120, proposing an administrative civil liability of \$3,000 for violations of the California Water Code and the State's General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity, Order No. 97-03-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001. The assessment includes a civil liability of \$2000 and a mandatory penalty of \$1000 for failure to submit the annual report. An invoice for this amount is also enclosed. If the annual report is received by this office by November 7, 2003, \$1,000 of the assessment will be suspended.

If necessary, a public hearing on this matter will be scheduled for the Regional Board meeting on November 21, 2003. The staff report regarding this complaint and the meeting agenda will be mailed to you not less than 10 days prior to the Board meeting.

You have the option to waive your right to a hearing. Should you waive your right to a hearing and pay the proposed assessment, the Regional Board may not hold a public hearing on this matter. If you choose to waive your right to a hearing, please sign the enclosed waiver form and submit the form with a check or money order for \$2,000 or \$1,000 if the annual report is received by this office by the November 7, 2003 deadline. The check or money order should be made payable to the State Water Resources Control Board. The waiver form, the bottom portion of the invoice and the check should be mailed to Sacramento using the enclosed envelope. All other correspondence regarding this Complaint should be sent to this office at the address on this letterhead.

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October 22, 2003

If you do not wish to waive your right to a hearing, a pre-hearing meeting with Board staff is recommended. Should you wish to schedule a pre-hearing meeting, please call us prior to October 29, 2003. At that time, you may submit information that may not have been previously available to staff regarding this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this complaint, you may contact Michelle Beckwith at (909) 782-4433, or Mark Smythe at (909) 782-4998. All legal questions should be referred to our legal counsel, Jorge Leon, at (916) 341-5180.

Sincerely,



Gerard J. Thibeault  
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Complaint No. R8-2003-0120, Waiver Form, Invoice, and envelope

cc: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality – Bruce  
Fujimoto  
State Water Resources Control Board, Office of Chief Counsel – Jorge Leon  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (WTR-7) – Kathy Moore  
Orange County Public Facilities & Resources Dept. – Chris Crompton  
City of Anaheim, NPDES Coordinator – Keith Linker  
McCabe, Lynn, & Potter – Les Potter

